

“DRAFT”
TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
COUNCIL MINUTES
for
December 20, 2005

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at the Town Club House.

Town Council President Louise Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with Councilpersons John Wilhelm and Ben Bolton ,Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sherry King and Town Attorney Dan Whitten in attendance. Council President Louise Roberts opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Ben Bolton moved that the minutes for November 15, 2005 be approved. Councilperson John Wilhelm seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF DUNE ACRES as of November 30, 2005:

Fifth Third Bank	\$113,095.15
City Savings - CD	\$5,227.15
Chase - Bank One	\$185,822.59
First State Bank of Porter Checking	\$55,085.72
Total	\$359,230.61

Councilperson John Wilhelm made a motion to accept the financial report as submitted with a second by Councilperson Ben Bolton. The motion carried.

PAYMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

Councilperson John Wilhelm made the motion to accept the claims as presented. Councilperson Ben Bolton seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR THE TOWN OF DUNE ACRES for November 2005:

Diane Bartley	November Pay	1348.26
Atha W. Belsha	"	\$1,356.59
Raymond C. Friday	"	\$246.24
Sherry A. King	"	\$784.31
David W. Kristophel	"	\$646.04
Philip A. Lepley	"	\$1,075.48
Nick Markovich	"	\$571.75
Terry R. Trout	"	\$445.94
Garrett L. Tyrrell	"	\$500.27
Sandra O'Brien	Botanist Pay "	\$97.98
Diane Bartleyl	Holiday Bonus	\$62.68
Atha W. Belsha	"	\$116.24
Raymond C. Friday	"	\$44.22
Sherry King	"	\$44.23
David W Kristophel	"	\$86.86
Philip A. Lepley	"	\$158.63
Terry R. Trout	"	\$87.25
Garrett L. Tyrrell	"	\$92.86
EFTPS	Federal Payroll Liabilities Nov. & Dec.	\$1926.76
Indiana Dept. Of Revenue	State Payroll & Holiday Bonus Liabilities	\$785.69
Builders Network Realty, Inc.	December Office Rental	\$170.00
McDaniel Fire Systems	3 Year Inspection	\$656.90
Westchester Warehouse	Clerk/Treasurer Legal Storage	\$37.00
Maris & Son, Inc.	Repaired Cracks on Clubhouse Roof	\$270.00
LaCorte Htg. And AC	Clubhouse Parking Lot Lights	\$2711.00

Gilmore Franzen Architects, Inc.	Architect Services - Clubhouse	\$2344.68
*Orbeson Construction	Town Hall Repairs	\$8321.05
Raymond C. Friday	Mileage for November	\$3.70
**Star Uniforms	Wayne Belsha Pants, etc.	\$158.95
Irv Call	Christmas Gifts for Security	\$68.69
Lou Roberts	Postage and Printint	\$77.67
Sherry King	Office Supplies	\$15.41
Ferrelgas	Bottled Gas	\$20.00
Kmart	Gatehouse Supplies	\$61.43
Quill	Office Supplies	\$207.66
Verizon North	Phone	\$137.70
Nipsco	Gas and Lights	\$1,031.22
Able Disposal	Garbage Pickup	\$26.52
Pinkerton Fuel & Lubricants	Vehicle Gas	\$96.43
Dan L. Whitten	Legal Services	\$1,250.00
Chesterton Tribune	Publication	\$22.82
Cargill, Incorporated	Road Salt	\$1,016.14
Martin Security Systems	Monitoring Clubhouse for next 3 mos.	\$75.00
Hopkins Ace Hardware	Keys and Christmas Lights	\$7.97
Boyd Construction Co.	Reimbursement of Deposit	\$12,881.00
Total Claims for November		\$42,147.22

*Cut check but hold

**Hold til Cecilia gives okay to pay.

Councilman John Wilhelm moved to approve the claims and warrants for December 2005 with corrections. Councilman Ben Bolton second. Motion passed.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FIRE: Mark Hull

He met with OSI at the Porter Fire Department for an Inspection of Dune Acres. It will be a couple months before the report and analysis is done.

MUNICIPAL CODE COMMISSION: Bill Nixon

The municipal code book is in the final editing stage and will be bound in book form. He expects a review copy to be ready in January.

ROADS/TOWN ENGINEER: Commissioner Irv Call

There was a late delivery on road salt, so they had to call for an emergency load to take care of the roads.

Irv reported that there is a problem with cars parking on roads especially on Cypress Lane, snow plows are having a problem getting around them. John Sullivan said the contractors had been told. The sprinkler system in the clubhouse has been tested and is working.

Irv also recommended that the Town Hall be made more functional and practical.

Council President Louise Roberts said the Town Hall work will start in January. She said Things need to be moved out of the Town Hall next week.. Council President Louise Roberts also thanked Irv Call for the work on the parking lot lights at the Clubhouse.

PARKS: N/A

BEACH: N/A

BUILDING:N/A

MAINTENANCE:

POLICE: Commissioner Cecilia Call

Security Personnel Diane Bartley is recovering from cyst removal on the throat. She has hired Emily Cheek as a new Security personnel. She will begin in January 2006. She also reported that she is having a problem with Star Uniforms on their billing and Service. Cecilia requested no more bills be paid til she gets things straightened out with them.

ENVIRONMENT: Commissioner Sue Smith

She has set up a work order for March 1, 2006 for moving the gas tank on the North side of the Security Office to behind the fence for esthetic purposes.

A Grant from the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program has been sent in. Target areas for this money will be the Park area on Pine Lane to help bring back the Lady Slipper population. Club House Dune will be another area targeted.

The Environmental Committee has decide to drop the Dumpster use during the Town Clean Up. Because of abuse of the dumpster they want to being it back to a Town Clean UP. There are notices out there where "stuff" can be dropped off. Waste Management puts out notices each spring and in monthly issues, they also have a web site with information. Also, our web site has links to Porter County Waste Management.

She said it will be brought back to a TOWN Clean Up, doing the streets, Town Hall and Security Office. They ask everyone to bring Loppers, gloves, etc. We will go after the invasives in Town. We also hope to have a leaf mulcher where residents can bring their leaves, have them mulched and take the mulch back home. Hopefully this can be done in the back of the Security Office, much like the chipper was handled.

WATER: Ben Bolton

Tie-ins have been made from the Main at East Road to Circle Drive. Pressure and bacteria test were made. There was a problem with the bacteria test. Indiana American Water believes it was because of an improper tie-in. They will come to run the test again. The contractor has done his part, now Indiana American Water has to do theirs.

OLD BUSINESS:

CLUBHOUSE: Lou Roberts

Bad weather has been a hold up for Gilmore Franzen. North and East sides need to be done yet. Lou said it is a very good report. Preliminary figures for the report done so far: North elevation at \$100,920 and the East elevation at \$165,574. Councilperson John Wilhelm stated that an agreement has not been made on anything and that a suggestion is to do it in phases. Gilmore Franzen also suggested keeping the oaken filling. Mary Ann Tittle and Cheryl Evans are still working on getting the clubhouse listed on the National Register of Historical Places which could make the structure eligible for grant funds.

TOWN HALL: Lou Roberts

Orbeson is to start on the Town Hall in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cedit Plan Resolution 2005-

Councilperson John Wilhelm moved to adopt the Cedit Plan. Councilperson Ben Bolton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Theft and Vandalism Ordinance 2005-5

First reading by Attorney Dan Whitten. Councilperson John Wilhelm moved for adoption and Councilperson Ben Bolton seconded it. Passed first reading.

Ordinance Prohibiting Prescribed Burns 2005-6

First reading was by Councilperson John Wilhelm. Councilperson John Wilhelm moved for adoption. Councilperson Ben Bolton second.

Mr. Bomberger then opened the discussion on the subject of prescribed burns. He presented very informative information pro prescribed burns. It was stated that some residents are concerned about the burns getting out of control. A final decision was made to set up a Fact Finding Group to gather pro and con information to hand out to the residents so an informative decision can be made. The information is to be ready by next council meeting.

At this point Councilperson John Wilhelm called for the question and the Ordinance Prohibiting Prescribed Burns 2005-6 passed first reading.

Council President Louis Roberts asked for volunteers for the Fact Finding Group. Danielle Booth, John Crayton and Bob Hartmann volunteered. Council President Louise Roberts will get three more.

Council President Louise Roberts reported another good Toys for Kids drive with 73 toys and \$1725 collected. She and Tom took them to the Duneland Exchange Club.

Councilperson Ben Bolton thanked her and Tom for implementing and putting together the drive.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council President read Environmental Commissioner Sue Smith's resignation effective January 1, 2006. Sue said she has enjoyed her 10 year tenure, but feels she has given all she can to the job. She asked to be retained as an Environmental Committee member.

Council President read the council's 2005 accomplishments and their goals for 2006.

Councilperson John Wilhelm read a letter, that will be mailed out to the residents, seeking for volunteers for upcoming vacancies of commissioners and committee members.

Sandy O'Brien plant Botanist, who also has participated in prescribed burns, submitted in writing her remarks on the burns and asked that the council members please read them.

PLAN COMMISSION:

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

